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LI-HUA WIRE FACTORY

The performance of a wire-drawing machine recently installed in the Li-hua Wire Factory in Ta-lien proved to be so satisfactory, that it was decided to install 20 such machines. Five are already in place, and the remainder should be ready for operation by 10 December 1948.

A nail-making machine to produce nails from wire will then be installed. At the same time, the plant will also aid privately operated nail factories by supplying them with 0.2-inch iron wire for use as raw material. Factories thus aided will include Ch'ing Hsua, Te Shun, Jen Ho, Sui Ch'ang Ch'eng, Chien Hua, and Tseng Mao Yung, presumably also in Tairien/.

A rolling machine that will enable the plant to produce 1.2-inch rods is being repaired. At present, the wire drawing factory is working three 8-hour shifts so that the machines are never idle. The working force of this department has also been doubled and now numbers 60 men.

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